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| In Re       | Application of:                              | RECEIVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |
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| Serial      | <b>No.:</b> 09/247,816                       | Group Art Unit: 2671                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |
| Filing      | Date: February 9, 1999                       | Examiner: Huedung Cao                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |
| For:        | METHOD AND APPARATUS<br>OBJECTS              | FOR EARLY CULLING OF OCCLUDED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Вох         | □ <sub>NON-FEE</sub>                         | I, George J. Awad, Registration No. 46,528 certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail on the date indicated in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.  On July 25, 2002  George J. Awad Reg No. 46,528 |  |  |  |  |
|             | $\square$ AF                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
|             | nt Commissioner for Patents<br>gton DC 20231 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Sir:        |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
|             | REPLY TR                                     | ANSMITTAL LETTER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |
|             | Transmitted herewith for                     | filing in the above-identified patent application is:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |
|             | A Preliminary Amendmen                       | nt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |  |  |
| $\boxtimes$ | An Amendment Responsi                        | An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated January 29, 2002.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |
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|          | Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.                                                           |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity 37 CFR §1.27 as:                                                  | status under |  |  |  |  |
|          | an Independent Inventor                                                                                                               |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | a Small Business Concern                                                                                                              |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | a Nonprofit Organization                                                                                                              |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is rethis be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office. | quested that |  |  |  |  |
|          | Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed                                                                                    | osed.        |  |  |  |  |
|          | An Abstract is enclosed.                                                                                                              |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.                                                                                   |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed                                                                   | osed.        |  |  |  |  |
|          | An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.                                                                                           |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | Information Disclosure Statement.                                                                                                     |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | Attached Form 1449.                                                                                                                   |              |  |  |  |  |
|          | A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PT enclosed herewith.                                                         | O-1449 is    |  |  |  |  |
|          | Appended Material as follows:                                                                                                         | ·            |  |  |  |  |
|          | Other Material as follows:                                                                                                            | ·            |  |  |  |  |

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## FEE CALCULATION

No Additional Fee is Due.

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|                                          | REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | HIGHEST<br>PAID FOR | EXTRA | RATE         | FEE    | RATE          | FEE       |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                          | 18                              | 18<br>(20 MINIMUM)  |       | \$9<br>EACH  | \$     | \$18<br>EACH  | \$ -0-    |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                         | 6                               | 6<br>(3 MINIMUM)    |       | \$42<br>EACH | \$     | \$84<br>EACH  | \$ -0-    |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT |                                 |                     |       | \$140        | \$     | \$280         | \$        |
| ☐ ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME            |                                 |                     | \$55  | \$           | \$110  | \$            |           |
| ☐ TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME            |                                 |                     |       | \$200        | \$     | \$400         | \$        |
| THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME            |                                 |                     | \$460 | \$           | \$920  | \$ 920        |           |
| ☐ FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME           |                                 |                     | \$720 | \$           | \$1440 | \$            |           |
| ☐ FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME           |                                 |                     |       | \$980        | \$     | \$1960        | \$        |
| ☐ LESS ANY EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID    |                                 |                     |       | minus        | (\$)   | minus         | (\$)      |
| ☐ TERMINAL DISCLAIMER                    |                                 |                     | \$55  | \$           | \$110  | \$            |           |
| OTHER FEE OR SURCHARGE AS FOLLOWS:       |                                 |                     |       |              |        |               |           |
| TOTAL FEE DUE                            |                                 |                     |       | <b>*****</b> |        | <b>******</b> | \$ 920    |

- A Check is Enclosed in the Foregoing Amount Due.
- Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of **January 29**, 2002 to and through **June 29**, 2002 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of **three (3)** month(s).
- The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to deposit account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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|   |             | The Foregoing Amount Due for Filing this Paper.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|   | ×           | Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.                                                                                                                       |
|   | $\boxtimes$ | Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 or 1.20(d).                                                                                                                                                   |

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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